

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Research and
Development Subcommittee

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Technical Threat Briefing

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1. Security Committee members have recently stated increasing interest in gaining a current appreciation of the Soviet technical surveillance threat. A briefing for members on what is known, strongly suspected and postulated about such threat would be very helpful as a basis for security procedures and countermeasures.

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2. Your assistance in preparing and presenting a briefing on the Soviet technical threat is requested. It should focus primarily on audio and optical surveillance directed against sensitive U.S. information. If data is available, threats against U.S. physical security devices or equipment should also be covered. In the case of postulated Soviet threats, the briefing should identify significant alternative interpretations where different views are held by various Intelligence Community components.

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3. The briefing may include compartmented information if necessary. If it will, I request that you advise my staff as early as possible so that members may be advised of any special accesses required. Please advise also of any projection or special display equipment needed. The briefing should be limited to not more than one hour, including time for a brief question and answer session. I request that the briefing be available for presentation to the Security Committee at the Langley Headquarters Building by 12 September 1979.

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